

# DC Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting

January 7, 2004

## Minutes

Attendance: Denise D'Amour, Julie Eisenhardt, Jim Sebastian, Rudi Schreiber, James Koski, Lyn Stoesen, Ellen Jones, Chris Craig, Jeannie Osburn, Jacques Patterson

The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **Bike Plan Update**

Jim Sebastian introduced the outline for the bike plan, noting that next month he hopes to have a draft of the plan completed for review by the committee.

Bill Schultheiss of Toole Design went through the draft strategies for the Bike Plan. Members were urged to submit any comments.

### **K Street Busway Study Letter**

Ellen Jones presented background on the K Street Busway and suggested that the BAC submit comments to DDOT relative to the operation of bicycles in the project area. General discussion ensued as to the effectiveness and safety of bikes and buses sharing the same lane on streets parallel to K where right hand bus lanes are proposed. Revisions were suggested, and consensus was reached on the comments.

### **Ward Reports**

Three BAC members reported on transportation activities (planning, design, construction) that are taking place in their Wards: Lyn Stesen (Ward 1), Chris Craig (Ward 2), and Jeannie Osburn (Ward 5). Their reports appear in Appendix 2 of these minutes. Below are summaries of Ward 1 and 2 reports.

#### **- Ward 2 Update**

DDOT and Dept. of Planning Projects in Ward 2 –

- I. K Street Busway from Union Station to Georgetown
- II. New Plan for Pennsylvania Ave. near White House NCPC
- III. Georgetown/M Street (Karyn Good of DDOT)
- IV. Convention Center area Planning (possible narrowing of streets), (Chris Shaheen, Ward 2 Planner)
- V. Constitution Ave. between Washington and Lincoln Memorials (NPS)
- VI. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW from Thomas Circle to U Street

In Ward 2 and Ward 6 –

I. Capitol Area (Architect of Capitol)

In Ward 6 –

- I. Southwest Waterfront (mixed use development, bike lanes on M Street, the River Walk)
- II. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, SW/Waterside Mall (reopening 4<sup>th</sup> Street)
- III. South Capitol Corridor including South Capitol Bridge

Ward 2 Street and Bridge Construction in the Works, found at

[http://www.ddot.dc.gov/information/work\\_sites/street\\_const.asp?wardno=2](http://www.ddot.dc.gov/information/work_sites/street_const.asp?wardno=2)

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<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Notes</u>
10 <sup>th</sup> St., NW	Massachusetts M St.		nearly complete
14 <sup>th</sup> St., SW	I-395	Virginia Line	pedestrian/bike lane on bridge
18 <sup>th</sup> St., NW	Connecticut	Massachusetts	nearly complete
23 <sup>rd</sup> St., NW	D St.	G St.	bike route, bridge
24 <sup>th</sup> St., NW	I St.	L St.	bridge
9 <sup>th</sup> St., SW	Frontage Rd.	G St.	bridge
Kalorama	23 <sup>rd</sup> St.	Wyoming	
L St., NW	9 <sup>th</sup> St.	10 <sup>th</sup> St.	
M St., NW	16 <sup>th</sup> St.	Connecticut	bike route, 80% complete
Massachusetts	13 <sup>th</sup> St.	15 <sup>th</sup> St.	bike route, bridge
P St., NW	7 <sup>th</sup> St.	Logan Circle	
P St., NW	23 <sup>rd</sup> St.	26 <sup>th</sup> St.	bridge
Q St., NW	23 <sup>rd</sup> St.	27 <sup>th</sup> St.	bike route, bridge
R St., NW	8 <sup>th</sup> St.	18 <sup>th</sup> St.	bike route
Virginia, NW	22 <sup>nd</sup> St.	Rock Creek	bike route, bridge
Waterside Dr.	Rock Creek	Potomac Pkw	85% complete

**- Ward 1 Update**

Three main projects and studies are under way in Ward 1 that the BAC should monitor to ensure bicycle-friendly development. These projects are:

- **Columbia Heights/ Mount Pleasant Transportation Study**, conducted by the D.C. Department of Transportation

DESCRIPTION: In-depth analysis of all modes of transportation in Columbia Heights, Mount Pleasant neighborhoods; recommendations made on bicycling lanes and facilities

STATUS: Draft of study released; WABA and others have submitted comments on the draft.

- **Georgia Avenue/ Petworth Metro Station site development and Georgia Avenue Commercial Revitalization Strategy** (with Ward 4)

DESCRIPTION: Proposals submitted for commercial/ residential development in quarter-mile area around Metro site (intersection of Georgia and New Hampshire avenues); commercial revitalization plan in the works along Georgia Avenue from Euclid to Decatur streets

STATUS: Neighborhood charrettes and meetings held to evaluate proposals for development for Metro site, with bidder selection to have been completed by Nov. 24; traffic assessment completed

- **Uptown Destination District** (with Ward 2)

DESCRIPTION: Project to establish mixed-use, destination-oriented development. Boundaries are along 7<sup>th</sup> Street/Georgia Avenue from Rhode Island Avenue to Barry Place, and along Florida Avenue/ U Street from 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> streets.

STATUS: Process will include evaluation and community comment on at least four proposals; preferred option will be devised and implemented. First phase will be for Howard Theater site; first community meeting planned for mid-February